

January 9, 2014

The Common Council met as the Water Utility Board at 7:00 pm on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Jeffries, Fuelling, Hoehn, Curtis, and Higgins attending. Others attending were Attorney Higgins; Chief Beloat; Chief Dixon; Comm. Dieterle; Supt. Givens; Nancy Sexton; Sara Manifold – Mount Vernon Democrat; and Lois Gray – Posey County News.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented. Board member Curtis moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Higgins moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Jeffries.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the report of the Water Chairman.

Water Chairman Curtis stated Supt. Gray is ill with strep but indicated they have been lucky so far with minimal leaks due to the weather. No major breaks yet. But Supt. Gray stated he is concerned about when the thaw comes, that could be bad for the lines. Everything else is going as good as can be expected.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Board ?

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman replied not at this time.

Mayor Tucker stated they are now ready for the Legal portion of the Agenda.

Attorney Higgins stated they need to designate a newspaper for Utility Board publications.

Board member Curtis moved they designate the Mount Vernon Democrat. Seconded by Board member Jeffries.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

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Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.
Board member Hoehn moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Curtis.
Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

John Tucker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Sitzman
Clerk-Treasurer

The Common Council met immediately following the Water Utility Board at 7:00 pm in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Jeffries, Fuelling, Hoehn, Curtis, and Higgins attending. Others attending were Attorney Higgins; Chief Beloit; Chief Dixon; Comm. Dieterle; Supt. Givens; Nancy Sexton; Sara Manifold – Mount Vernon Democrat; Lois Gray – Posey County News; and arriving during the meeting, Larry Williams.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting, as well as those of the Executive Session, and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Councilman Hoehn moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented.
Seconded by Councilman Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?
There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously..

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Standing Committees.

Street & Light Chairman Hoehn stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?
There were none.

Police & Dog Chairman Jeffries stated he has no report.

Chief Beloit stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?
There were none.

Fire Chairwoman Higgins stated she has no report.

Chief Dixon stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?
There were none.

Sewer Chairman Fuelling stated he has no report.
Supt. Givens stated he has no report.
Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?
There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated they have the Financial Report before them and any questions could be directed to Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman.

Mayor Tucker asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Council ?
Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman replied not at this time.

Mayor Tucker stated they are now ready for the Legal portion of the Agenda.
Attorney Higgins stated the first item is the 2nd reading of the Ordinance to Rezone 214 Walnut Street from RM to CG. She added this passed first reading at their last meeting, and then asked if Council had heard any comments ?
Council has heard no comments.
Councilman Hoehn moved the ordinance pass on second reading. Seconded by Councilman Curtis.
Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?
There was none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.
Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:
Jeffries – yes; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – yes;
Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried.
Councilman Curtis moved the rules be suspended. Seconded by Councilwoman Higgins.
Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?
There was none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.
Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:
Jeffries – yes; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – yes;
Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried.
Councilman Curtis moved the ordinance pass on final reading. Seconded by Councilwoman Higgins.
Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?
There was none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.
Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:
Jeffries – yes; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – yes;
Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried.
Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman added it will be numbered 14-1.

Attorney Higgins stated the next item is to designate a newspaper for Council publications for 2014.
Councilman Fuelling moved the designate the Mount Vernon Democrat. Seconded by Councilman Curtis.
Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?
There was none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.
Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:
Jeffries – yes; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – yes;
Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.
Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Council ?
There was no response.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?
There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated the do have some items under New Business, the first being a discussion on an Additional Appropriation Ordinance in EDIT for some projects they have coming up – one being the demolition of 207 – 213 Main Street. He added they had appropriated \$100,000 last year, but didn't end up spending it, so they have to re-appropriate that.

Councilman Curtis suggested Attorney Higgins draft the ordinance.

Councilman Fuelling stated he would like to add to that - \$40,000 for the service building at Riverbend Park.

Councilman Curtis added while they are at it, they might as well appropriate \$150,000 for the police and fire station.

Mayor Tucker stated in July when they police and fire move to their new building, something will have to be done with their old one. He would like to appropriate some money for that as well.

Councilman Curtis agreed it would be a good idea to do it now, it is going to happen, might as well budget for it now.

Mayor Tucker suggested \$60,000.00. He then stated they are also having some flooding issues on the west side of town, which Councilmen Hoehn and Curtis and Comm. Dieterle have been looking into. The Storm Sewer budget is very minimal at around \$44,000. Comm. Dieterle feels the street department can do the work, but they need the materials. He would suggest they appropriate \$50,000 for that.

Councilman Hoehn asked if that is above the Storm Sewer Budget ?

Mayor Tucker replied yes.

Council concurred.

Attorney Higgins will draft the ordinance.

Mayor Tucker stated the next item is discussion of the west side flooding.

Councilman Hoehn stated he and Councilman Curtis and Comm. Dieterle watched the last rise. There is a big problem down there and a solution is long overdue. He feels they are going in the right direction but it needs to be resolved once and for all. The rain garden was not designed for that. He suggested they also try to get the MSD involved.

Larry Williams arrived at the meeting.

Mayor Tucker stated he agrees 100% .

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Districts.

1st District Councilman Jeffries stated he has no report.

2nd District Councilman Fuelling stated he has no report.

3rd District Councilman Hoehn stated he has no report.

4th District Councilman Curtis stated he has no report.

Councilwoman-at-Large Higgins stated Mount Vernon's Bicentennial is in 2016 and they will have the first meeting January 22, 2014. She added a lot of interest has already been generated.

Mayor Tucker then stated a group of folks went to Vincennes this week to meet with INDOT on the projects they discussed on filing for grants. The projects are alive and well and he has a good feeling. They seemed to be interested in the State Street project, which Council had agreed to list as #1. He added they also got a good truck traffic count before they left, up another 40,000. INDOT was impressed with that. He then stated INDOT really seemed interested in the Main Street project. Councilman Jeffries agreed and added they spent more time on that than the State Street project, but again, this wouldn't be happening until 2015 – 2016.

Mayor Tucker told department heads he would like their annual reports, along with 10 copies, in to his office by noon February 6.

Mayor Tucker continued by stating he is working with the Southwest Indiana Economic Development Coalition in Evansville on the possibility of transit service in Posey County, with a connection into Evansville. Again, it is in the very early stages.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn. Councilman Curtis moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Councilman Fuelling. Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

John Tucker
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Sitzman
Clerk-Treasurer